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1. WHEN I SAW CHRISTOPHIDES AFTERNOON MAY 26 ON UNFICYP RENEWAL DEBATE IN SECURITY COUNCIL, HE SAID HE HAD EARLIER SAME DAY SPOKEN TO MAKARIOS ABOUT US MESSAGE CONVEYING PRESIDENT CARTER'S WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE HIM INFORMALLY SHOULD HE BE IN US FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION. ARCHBISHOP HAD BEEN WELL PLEASED BUT HE HAD A PROBLEM. HE WOULD BE TAKING HIS DOCTORS WITH HIM TO THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON AND WOULD HAVE MEDICAL EVALUATION WHICH HAD BEEN OFFERED BY HMG. FACT OF HIS MEDICAL CONSULTATION WOULD BE PUBLICIZED. IF HE THEN WENT TO US FOR ADDITONAL MEDICAL EVALUATION, HIS PEOPLE WOULD THINK HE WAS SERIOUSLY ILL. HE REMAINED MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET PRESIDENT CARTER BU COULD NOT AT THE MOMENT THINK OF ANOTHER PLAUSIBLE REASON FOR VISITING US THAT INTER ALIA WOULD HELP PRESIDENT CARTER WITH TURKISH SENSITIVITIES. IF WE CIULD THINK OF ONE. HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL. HE WOULD BE SEEING THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON. A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA WILL BE DISCUSSED, BUT THAT VISIT, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A REASON FOR TRANSITING US, IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER. HE ALSO PLANS TO VISIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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- 2. I TOLD CHRISTOPHIDES I COULD UNDERSTAND THE ARCHBISHOP'S PROBLEM AND WOULD REPORT OUR CONVERSATION.
- 3. COMMENT: UNLESS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED COMES UP, THIS WOULD SEEM TO PUT OFF UNTIL LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL A MAKARIOS VISIT TO US.

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